

RESOLUTION**ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Katherine Luster, Director
INITIATED BY



3/15/2023
DATE DRAFTED

To Recognize Rock County Social Workers

WHEREAS, March has been declared National Social Worker Recognition Month; and,

WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County, wish to recognize the Rock County Human Services Social Workers, and others who provide similar services, for their excellence in delivering services to the citizens of Rock County; and,

WHEREAS, the Social Workers of the Rock County Department of Human Services provide services to a wide variety of Rock County citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Social Workers in the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Division, support frail elderly and adults with physical and/or intellectual disabilities as well as their family and caregivers. Adult Protective Services staff serve to protect vulnerable adults from abuse and neglect by investigating allegations, seeking out services, such as in-home support, assisted living placements, and/or guardianship, to help individuals remain safe and secure in their homes and community. Information and Assistance (I&A) staff provide guidance, support, and options to people who struggle to navigate through the multitude of programs available. They assist people to make informed decisions by explaining the array of service options that are available to them in our community; such as dementia care, home care, public funding, housing, hospice, and any other topics individuals may need support for. Aging staff support the elderly in the community with prevention and health programs, transportation, nutrition, and caregiver support. Together, the APS, I&A and Aging staff provide our community's most at-risk adults with the support they need to help them remain safe in our community and as independent as possible; and,

WHEREAS, the Social Workers in the Behavioral Health Programs provide high quality treatment and support services to individuals and families experiencing mental illness and substance abuse challenges across a comprehensive continuum of care, thereby reducing the need for restrictive institutional care and out-of-home placement. They provide assertive outreach to individuals with complex needs and engage them in welcoming and empathic relationships. These social workers assist clients in improving their quality of life, as defined by the client, and provide person-centered, rehabilitative services focused on hope and recovery; and,

WHEREAS, the Social Workers in the Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Program areas provide family-centered and strength-based services to children and families involved in the Child Protective Services, Youth Justice, and Children's Long Term Support services areas. CYF Social Workers are dedicated to ensuring child and community safety as well as providing individualized supports and services to keep families safely together and in the community. Daily, social workers in the CYF Programs work with high-risk families in the community to inspire hope, build skills, and provide needed resources. Countless children, youth, and families are positively affected by the work of CYF Social Workers; and,

WHEREAS, the Social Workers in the Children's Long Term Support Program (CLTS) provide supports and services to serve children who have substantial limitations due to physical, emotional and/or physical disabilities. CLTS Social Workers help children and their families to meet their individualized needs and live their best lives in their homes and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this day 23rd of March 2023, does hereby recognize the Rock County Social Workers for their excellent work and diligent efforts in the delivery of services to needy Rock County citizens and

their families in 2023.

Committee Action

Human Services Board

Human Services Board recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Citizen Representative Reyes was absent.